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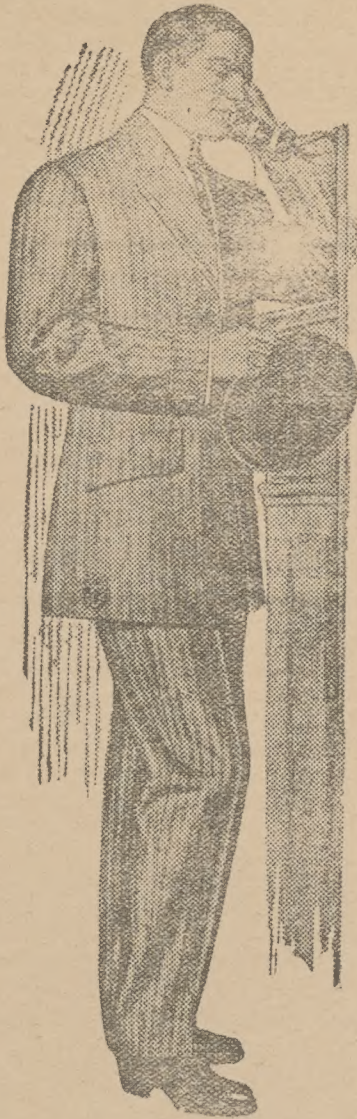
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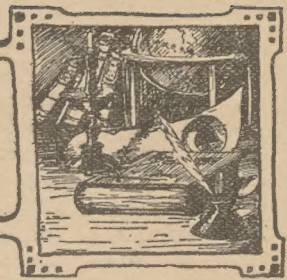
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THE WORLD AT LARGE

Quidquid agunt homines

English politics have been crammed these last days with interest and excitement. Mr. Balfour's place as leader of the Unionist Party has been taken by Mr. Bonar Law. He is an enthusiastic Tariff Reformer; apparently then the Unionists have committed themselves to seeking their future in a policy of protection. There will be difficulty in rallying all sections of the party under that banner. The unfortunate situation in England with regard to parties is this:—there is a frenzied Tory faction at one extreme, a Radical clique at the other, certainly not less frenzied, and a Centre composed of men of moderate views. This Centre, however, is divided between the Liberal and Conserva-

tive sides, and thus eliminates itself from political effectiveness. Sir Edward Grey is, for instance, intellectually and politically nearer Mr. Balfour than to Mr. Asquith. But "politics make strange bed-fellows."

The unveiling in the Commons by the Foreign Secretary, of just what took place between Germany and England during the summer months of this year, was an event that crowded the benches and galleries of the House. Sir Edward Grey demonstrated to the general satisfaction that the dignity of England had been amply maintained at all times, even under the most trying circumstances "made in Germany." The German policy of bluff and braggadocio in the whole Moroccan

affair was plainly indicated not only in Sir E. Grey's speech, but equally well in the admissions of the German Chancellor before the Reichstag. The latter official is blamed by certain sections of Germany for having "backed down": they appear to forget that a nation, as often an individual, is foolish enough to take a position which involves that humiliating step.

An interesting addition to the olla podrida of the English Liberal party is the proposed Universal Suffrage Bill. This, as one of the suffragettes truly remarked, is designed to include "everything in pants." In the history of France the absence of pants once created the appellation of a party; the whirligig of Time brings its revenges. Apropos of Mr. Asquith's new venture, he has not long been left to doubt what is thought of it and him in militant suffragette quarters. The glaziers in consequence are working overtime. Mr. Asquith's shifts, evasions, and discourtesies with regard to female suffrage almost merit the treatment they are receiving. It is impossible to conceive Mr. Asquith laying any claim to the title of statesman in history save as the exponent of the art of riding several party steeds at once. Even in this role he is impressive as a dextrous avoider of falls, for it is the horses who do the leading.

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France and Germany have reached a settlement of their affairs at last. As far as Morocco is concerned, France is accorded a complete military protectorate; on the other hand she makes definite pledges about freedom of trade and such matters. With regard to the colonial possessions of both countries in Equatorial

Africa there has been a redistribution, or trading-off of this, that, and the other part. It is not disputed that Germany has made a real gain in the latter transaction; still, France has got what was far more important to her than some thousands of square miles of equatorial territory, and that is the completion of her North African Empire. In both countries there is some public disappointment over the final form of the agreements; this is more particularly the case in Germany where it was fondly imagined that in this world returns were proportioned to the amount of bluff with which proposals were advanced. As a matter of fact, the discouraging circumstances in the whole arrangement is that for an impertinent interference Germany should have received any consideration at all. It is now quite clear that the influence of England on behalf of France was the great factor in drawing some of the Imperial Eagle's tail-feathers.

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The news from Tripoli is very slight; what there is does not go to suggest that the Italians are making any real advances. With regard to the massacre of Arabs spoken of in last issue it is regrettable to have to record, now that all of a very varied evidence is in, that Italy stands completely indicted of brutal and indiscriminate murder. All the correspondents agree that among the Arabs slain in this massacre were to be found bodies of many women, old men, tender children, and even cripples. War being, on the testimony of an eminent general, Hell, we need not be surprised to find it developing fiends.

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It seemed for a time in China as if the party of the revolution

were to have a walk-over for the great prize of empire. The most recently reported events from that quarter of the world, however, indicate that the Imperialists are at present rather more than holding their own. Should the Manchus be successful in retaining their power at this time, it would appear as if the reform programme of the Empire would be set back indefinitely, if not jettisoned altogether. It would be regrettable if the Reformers should prove to have killed progress because they were unable to wait for constitutional government to develop according to the time-schedule they had themselves accepted.

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At home interest is chiefly centred on the opening of the new Federal Parliament. The fact that it was to be opened by a Prince of the royal house would in itself have engendered much attention; the reversal of the positions of the parties lent another element of keenest excitement to the occasion. The debate on the address has been completed, the Borden Government being sustained by a majority of 44. All the papers agree that the level of the debate, both in oratory and power of thought, was very high; this is chiefly attributed to the copious supply of new blood brought into the house by the event of September 21st last. The former premier does not appear to possess the same grace and charm in opposition as he displayed in office; there was a querulousness in his tone that did not befit his years or dignity. The new Finance Minister, the enigma of the Borden Cabinet, is reported to have spoken in a solid and thoughtful fashion, his style being characterized chiefly by great clearness. The navy question

was one of the opposition's strong leads, but they utterly failed to draw out the Government upon the subject. No doubt in due time, as befits a matter so large and comprehensive, Mr. Borden will have a policy to submit. Anticipatory criticism is futile.

The elections in Ontario which fall on the 11th are exciting but little interest. There is no campaign "pot" in Toronto for either party, and expenses are being met locally in the ridings. Sir James Whitney will be returned with a majority practically unchanged.

It had seemed as though the United States was not to be called upon for any contribution this month to "The World at Large," when suddenly at the very last moment intelligence of the extraordinary developments at Los Angeles was received. There two brothers named Macnamara have been lying in prison awaiting trial on the charge of having dynamited the building of the Los Angeles Times, and caused the deaths of some twenty persons. The arrest of these brothers and every other step in the proceedings so far has been roundly denounced by organized labor as another exhibition of the unscrupulous villainy of capital, ever engaged in its work of tyranny and persecution. Money has been contributed by unions all over the United States and Canada for the defence of the Macnamaras, and Clarence Darrow, one of America's leading obfuscators, employed to prevent the truth being ascertained. But there was an element in the case which had not been sufficiently considered by the unions; the men might be guilty. This is exactly what they have now confessed themselves to be, and Darrow can now save his peroration against capital for his

next case. One would like to see the leaders of organized labor come out in the open and say frankly: "We disavow absolutely these men and their campaign of violence," but all that has been heard so far is the claim that the confession of the Macnamaras is also an achievement of capital, the power of which is of course unlimited in the eyes of those who set it up as a bogey. It is to be noted, however, that at the re-

cent gathering of delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers successfully opposed the grant of any money from the funds of the Federation as such for the Macnamara defence, also that his public utterances about the brothers have been cooling off for some time. Can it be that he was fairly well apprised of the facts of the case as since revealed?

The Place of the University in the Province

President H. M. Tory

It is a truism of which all history is an expression that the relative importance to civilization of any community depends upon the intellectual power of its people. Further whatever a nation may give out of its intellectual storehouse to the world at large it must first have gathered for itself, and must first have benefited thereby. The Greek, the Hebrew, the Roman, the German, the French, the English, have all made for themselves a place in history the importance of which must be measured by what they realized for themselves through the application of intelligence to the problems of their own life and by the extent to which the results obtained were of value to the life of the world.

Such being the case it follows as an axiom that those institutions which aim at the intellectual development of the community as a whole are not only worthy of support by the people, but are necessary if the foundations of the national life are to be truly laid, and the superstructure of national greatness truly reared. Of all such institutions these which

make for education are the greatest, and are most important to the civic well-being of the nation, as well as to its industrial and commercial interests. The history of education is the history of the effort to realize through the training of the mind the maximum of intellectual efficiency.

Of educational institutions, three types stand out as having been demonstrated by history to be necessary if a high intellectual aim and, consequently, a high standard of civic efficiency, is to be realized. The public school, the secondary school and the university. The public school provides the irreducible minimum of education which must be obtained by every individual who is to be a free citizen in a free state. Whatever may be our view with regard to the wisdom of permitting certain types of citizens to participate in government, all agree that the safety of our modern democratic institutions, conceived as they have been by the efforts of the best human intellects, depends upon the people being sufficiently educated to comprehend their significance and meaning. The pub-

lic school offers that minimum requirement which makes such appreciation possible.

To the secondary school is assigned the task of rendering to the state a higher social and economic service. Here the aim is to give such a thorough and searching intellectual discipline that from it shall spring not only a higher power for public responsibility, but a greater sense of public duty. The greater intellectual development and the larger outlook upon life, with the clearer understanding of the co-relation of the facts of life, makes possible, not only a greater opportunity for the individual to whom such training is given, but a greater possibility for public service.

To the university is assigned the larger task. In the first place, upon it the whole fabric of the educational system must rest. For while the university, in one sense, may be regarded as the superstructure built upon the foundation of the public and secondary schools, in the best sense it is itself the foundation upon which secondary and public school systems rest. To show this one has only to point out the fact that the men trained in the universities are the men of necessity chosen for the places of responsibility in connection with the school systems. The application of scientific methods to education makes this absolutely necessary. To change the figure one might truly say that it is from the university downward that the stream of effective educational effort and ideals flow, and not from the schools upward. The university is, therefore, a necessity unless we are content to receive our intellectual inspiration from without our own borders. In the second place, upon the university

must rest the responsibility of preparing the men and women who are to be the leaders in all walks of our national life. In all lands the people look to the universities to send out the men and women who are capable of giving guidance in national affairs. The founding of our university makes it possible for these men to be trained from the youth of our province, men and women who are in sympathy with our ideals and understanding the conditions of our life. Without it we must continue to draw from without our borders, must continue to receive our inspiration and to have our problems solved, not by our own sons and daughters, but by those of other countries.

Further, we must also realize that the rapid development of our province will force upon us economic and industrial problems for the solution of which the university is absolutely necessary. I have already referred to the problem of education itself. One aspect of this problem is seen in the demand for the trained teacher both for our public and secondary schools. We can no longer depend upon the educational agencies of the other provinces to supply this demand. The next five years will probably make a call upon us for one thousand such teachers. Of these a goodly number must of necessity be university men. These will not be forthcoming in anything like the necessary numbers unless we bend our energies to train them ourselves. To fill these important educational positions with ill-equipped teachers means the lowering of the economic efficiency of our schools and the consequent lowering of our standard of life.

Of almost equal importance will be the scientific problems de-

manding solution. Engineering and municipal problems will arise out of the needs of growing communities; problems in geology and mineralogy out of the study of our natural resources, work as yet almost untouched; problems in agriculture out of the peculiar conditions of our province; problems relating to both public and private health out of the conditions of life which our climate imposes upon us; problems relating to public morals and the administration of law. All these and many other problems will arise which must find their solution by means of the agencies which the university will create, and which cannot be solved otherwise unless we are content to depend upon others. The rest of Canada and the world at large will judge us by our ability to meet our intellectual obligations in these respects.

In conclusion it might be pointed out that the great forward movements which have made for progress have always been associated with the development of the university spirit. That we stand together for the development of our university along sane lines consistent with our own needs, is an indication that we are in harmony with the spirit of progress, the dominant spirit of the twentieth century. The establishment of our university is our expression to the rest of Canada and the world of our confidence in the future of our province; it is the final declaration of social and economic equality with the other provinces of Canada and of the Empire; it is our formal notification to the world that we believe in our own individuality and our power to develop a great and self-sufficient province.

Copy of an Essay Handed in by a Student in English I

Lunch in Varsity Dining Room

There are two good things about the mid-day meal in the Varsity. The first is the silver tea-pots and the second isn't the grub. There is a delightful sameness about it day after day. Irish stew and pie! One may eat every scrap of the Irish stew, and lick his plate, and then break the plate, but at 12.30 sharp the next day the same old stew comes walking in upon the same plate, in front of the same waitress. But the stew isn't in the same class with the pie. It needs all kinds of College spirit to eat that apple pie. The paste lives up to its name, and you could use it to glue Blayney to Milton's "Paradise Lost" for half an hour, which

would take some gluing, believe me! I know one fellow that broke one of his ribs and, eating a piece of varsity pie immediately after, the fracture was firmly cemented together by the pie-paste, and he has never had any trouble since. I might say something about the butter, but I won't, because if my nose is any good, the butter is quite old enough to speak for itself. There is one piece of touching forethought upon the part of the authorities which I wish to commend. They never forget to put a bottle of vinegar on the table. As an accompaniment to Irish stew and apple pie, vinegar is the real thing, and, besides, it might help to restore the butter

if the latter started to swoon, as is often the case in old age.

There is one day a week, however, upon which we get a half decent lunch. That is Friday. There are usually meat pies and baked apples and buns and mashed potatoes. On that day we always eat enough to kill ourselves. Once I was sitting next to Drysdale, and as he was leaving, the waitress came up and said: "Can I get you some more dessert?" "Nothing doing," says Dry. "If I ate another bite I'd have to take my collar off."

I would like also to pass out a slight criticism of the grace or blessing they have tacked up over the mantelpiece in the dining-

room. Is there any reasonable cause to believe that Latin is spoken in heaven? If it is, I know several fellows who will try their best to steer clear of it. Perhaps the grace is in Latin so as to make the butter feel more at home, because that was the language in vogue when it was born. Why not have a common-sense grace? Something like this: "For the Irish stew and soggy apple pie we are about to receive, make us duly thankful. Don't let us get indigestion, and above all help us to forget we're getting soaked two bits for it." There are other criticisms I might make, but I have written all that is absolutely required in an English theme and I'm hanged if I'll do any more.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

The death of Joseph Israels last summer removed one more distinguished figure from the number of living artists. To him and to two or three contemporaries is due the revival of painting in Holland, which has done so much to restore to that country the prestige which it enjoyed from the great names of the seventeenth century. Israel's familiar studies of humble life on the Dutch coast challenged immediate comparison with one or two apparently allied figures. Anyone nowadays who tampers with the peasant incurs at once the penalty of having his work measured by the standard of Millet. In the case of Israels, we realize contrasts rather than affinities. He was, first of all, no son of the soil himself, but the product of comfortable surroundings. His knowledge of the poor was the result of patient observation from without, not, as with

Millet, the development of an artistic consciousness from within. For a sympathetic outsider like Israels there were two ways open in approaching the peasant. He could employ realism in the truthful rendering of simple country scenes or he could chose the path of the artificial eclogue and idealise after the manner of Corot. What he could not possibly have done was to remain at once heroic and vital after the manner of the Frenchman. Such treatment, which is often called Homeric, by common consent, can only be a native growth, a product of the land itself. Israels followed then the realistic lines of his grand national predecessors, and is consequently in much closer sympathy with impressionism, as may be guessed from the fact that Liebermann has contributed a monograph on him. Of native influences, that of Rembrandt is un-

mistakeable, in whom alone Israels found, to quote his own words, "that breadth and freedom of execution, which was lacking in all the others."

The secret of his popularity lies in the strong appeal to human sentiment, which underlies all his work. Here, too, are the roots of the most obvious of adverse criticisms on him, the charge of sentimentality. The painter himself says: "An artist must possess two qualities, sentiment and the power to paint. One is of no use without the other, though the greater of these is sentiment, for an artist cannot successfully paint a subject which does not possess his sentiment. The sea, for instance, will form the sentiment of one painter, and his pictures will appeal to anyone possessing that same sentiment." These remarks are not strikingly original, but reflect even in translation, something fundamental in the writer's temperament. The use of the word "sentiment" four times in almost as many lines is itself significant.

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Kubelik came and went, and it is a query whether his visit had any appreciable value for the community. It certainly might have meant a good deal more than it did. The meteoric appearance of first-class exponents of their art, such as Nordica and Kubelik, on our unlit darkness must be rated a failure if the wider appeal has not been made. The success of such an event can be measured numerically by the number of individuals who were brought thereby one step nearer to realising that the educative or cultural importance of music does not emerge at all till the opportunities of hearing it become regular and generally accessible. There is in

fact a positive danger to the province in this contact at rare intervals with stars of the first magnitude, if other means of approach are to be entirely withheld. The danger is twofold. We are apt to ignore the music behind the musician. When we hear the Erlkonig of Schubert, we must remember that, great as is the art of the medium, that is to say, of the singer, the achievement of the composer was incomparably higher. When we hear Mischa Elman play a sonata of Handel's, we should feel less indebted to the violinist for his generous unearthing of the composition than to the genius of its composer, who can thus address us down through the ages. In music more than in any other art, except perhaps drama, there is this tendency for the mediator to loom more largely than the mediated. Let both have their due, but be it remembered that art must be assessed according to its permanence, and that the originator of this permanence must receive the greater credit. One of the reasons why a choir takes better than an orchestra in this country is that there are among us more vocal "mediators" than members of orchestras. And this leads to the second point of danger, namely, that the inaccessibility of music is inclined to be exaggerated. The truest music-lover is he who is readiest to admit the pleasure that is to be derived from a third-rate exposition, or even a one-finger application of elementary knowledge in one's own parlor. There is a far greater proportion of really first-class music that can be interpreted without particular technique than is generally realised. Consider the wonderful simplicity of Gluck and Haydn, of Purcell, of the folksong in any part of the world,

and of a measurable percentage of the work of any composer at all. To pay a visit to a really musical country demonstrates this ease of approach at once. "Why! we might have been doing this ourselves all the time," would be the remark.

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There is an article in the Educational Review for October on "American Scholarship," which should be read by all to whom the substantive in the title makes any appeal. It contains a well-timed insistence on the value of independent methods of research and publication. The slavish imitation of the pedantic strain in the German is the bull's eye of the target. A certain proportion of Teutonic exactness is valuable in academic work anywhere in the world and under different conditions might well have been advocated, instead of condemned, in a country where patience is not a cardinal virtue. It becomes ridiculous, however, when exaggerated along such lines as philology, where everything depends on immediate access to archives. But this method of exhaustive investigation has a place in all branches of study, and might well be applied a little more strictly to work on modern letters. The objection really lies not in the principle of German methods so much as the application of them to the same fields. Philology can never expect to thrive on this continent as it has done in Europe. On the other hand, it is only by increased exactness and the partial borrowing of English academic traditions that the amount of inflated writing by American professors on such subjects as prose fiction can be reduced. It may be that the ignoring of English and French critical standards would prove

infinitely more injurious than the too sedulous imitation of them. As for the Germans, it is often forgotten that their value to intellectual Europe lies in their own appreciativeness as a people of the arts generally, rather than in their criticism. And in a chilly age we ought to be more grateful for the former. Further, inferiority in prose style is at most a sign of immaturity, not of decadence. The refinement of a country's prose is generally subsequent to its period of productiveness.

"So you college girls have adopted a yell, eh?"

"Yes, just the curtest, noisiest thing you ever heard."

"A big hip-hurrah, I suppose?"

"No, indeed; just a hurrah. Hips are not in fashion."

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Patient: "I hear they're saying that Jones, the man you've been treating for liver complaint, has died of heart trouble?"

Doctor (acidly): "When I treat a man for liver trouble, he dies of liver trouble."—Punch.

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"Didn't I give you a piece of pie last week?" demanded the cooking school graduate. "I didn't expect to see you again so soon."

"I fooled you, ma'am," replied the tramp. "I didn't eat it." Philadelphia Record.

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Know why preachers are so poor? Because the women who admire them most have no money.—Ex.

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Conductor: "Did you get out and stretch your legs when we stopped at the junction?"

Passenger: "Well, not exactly; I went into the dining-car and had them pulled."—Brooklyn Life.



PINKY WHITE—Kiss me quick darling before the moon rises over yonder wall.



O, Hully Gee! It's Dr. Kerr.

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En Passant

Greeting

Once more the festive season of universal good will has come around and general felicitations are the order of the day. As we sit in our den shaping up a disorganized mass of manuscript when for the moment fancy roams, in imagination we can hear the merry jingle of St. Nicholas' sleigh bells and recall the happy scenes when we entered into the spirit of the occasion with childish abandon. We smile with conscious superiority at the Santa Claus myth, forgetting that in its reality we believe in it as truly as ever. For the man who would not enter into the gladness of the Christmas tide we feel not one whit of sympathy. The feeling of unselfishness which seems to pervade the very air is most refreshing, especially in this West where the rival monarchs Wheat and Real Estate, wage a sort of friendly war as to which can imbue men with the greatest spirit of selfishness. For once it does us good to breathe a different atmosphere, to meet our fellows in

the spirit of the season, ushered in for the first time with the proclamation, "Peace on Earth, Good-Will to men." The Gateway wishes one and all its readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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An Acknowledgment

The University has received a splendid banner of St. George, the gift of Earl Grey. Accompanying it was the following kind letter:

Dear Dr. Tory:

I am sending you a banner of St. George which a friend of mine in England has placed in my hands with a request that it may be given to some educational institution where its design may stimulate the students to emulate the example of St. George and to devote their lives to the work of redressing human wrong.

(Signed) GREY.

At present, failing some more pretentious place, the banner hangs in the Faculty room. We hope soon to have an Assembly Hall where it may be displayed

in such a way as to more nearly fulfil the intention in the mind of the noble donor.

The students of the University of Alberta have the kindest memories of Earl Grey from his visit some three years ago, and this fresh proof of his friendly interest has deepened their regard for one who always showed himself interested in student life. We are sincerely thankful for this splendid gift and even more for the spirit which prompted it.

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College Spirit

The rousing campaign just concluded in the interests of McGill University, suggests the ever present theme of college spirit. At the risk of seeming trite let us say one more it is not professors and equipment which make a University, but it is the men and women who constitute the graduate and undergraduate members. Therefore let us get busy, get in the game and boost! Don't knock! Even if everything is not quite to your taste there is only one way to make it so—that is, get busy. Get in the college societies, give them of your time and thought and enthusiasm. And above all, if you have a literary gem concealed in embryo in that brain of yours, haste thee; commit it to paper and hand it to the Editor. Such things cheer him mightily in his work and help to make the college journal representative. If you are a student this means you.

De win' can blow lak hurricane,

An' spose she blow some more,
You can't get drown in Lac St.

Pierre,

So long you stay on shore.

—W. H. Drummond.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to greet many old friends on the exchange list this month. The O. A. C. Review seems to be maintaining its position as possibly the very best all-round college paper in Canada. The articles are instructive, the editorials vigorous, and the locals breezy.

The Manitoba College Journal has made its first appearance, and if the staff can maintain the standard of the first issue the modest "bow" of the editor will be quite overshadowed by the character of the performance.

Acta Victoriana for November contains a strong article on the University Man in the Christian Ministry, which is well worth the perusal of any student who is in doubt as to his choice of a life work.

Our old friend, the McGill Martlet, seems to have been succeeded by the McGill Daily, a breezy daily college newspaper. Congratulations are due the enterprising management of that sheet for the success of its vigorous campaign in aid of the million and a half dollar fund.

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"Her elopement caused quite a flutter."

"Yes, her lover hid in the hen-house while she was getting her things packed."—Ex.

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From a College Girl's Notebook
—Kiss is a noun, common and yet quite proper, rather singular, never in the objective case, and agreeing with both subjects.—Exchange.

ODE TO THE FRESHIES

(With apologies to the shade of
Bobby Burns.)

Ye sleekit, cowerin, timorous Freshies,
O, what a panic's in thy breasties,
Thou need na start awa' sae hasty,
Wi bickerin', brattle;
We wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,

In murderin' battle.

—O. A. C. Review.

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"Now, then, men," cried the gallant captain, "fight like heroes till your powder is done, then run for your lives. I'm a little lame so I'll start now."—Exchange.

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OTHER EXCHANGES RECEIVED

Brandon College Quill, The Almafian, The Mitre, Western Canada College Review, St. John's College Magazine, Gonzaga, University of New Brunswick Monthly, The Collegian, Vox Wesleyana, Argosy, Dalhousie Gazette, and Lux Columbian.

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THE A. M. S.

The regular meeting of the society was held on Saturday evening, Nov. 25. But it is inaccurate, to style the meeting "regular," because it contained some unusual and not unpromising features. During the few days preceding, the rotunda was full of small groups, each hearing the law expounded in vehement logic, which, in many cases, arrived at very different conclusions. The background of the discussion was broken now and then by the question "What is democracy?" It was Carr, bringing his opponents

to stuttering confusion by his Socratic dialectic.

The first agenda of the agenda was the interim report of the Anglo-Saxon Terminology Committee. The president presented an exhaustive and systematic scheme and asked that the committee be given more time, for the purpose, we suppose, of making further researches into the Beowulf and the memoirs of Alfred the Great. Dr. Tory may wake some morning as the Bretwalda; the student society may find itself the folk moot. The committee neglected to mention whether the students were to wear appropriate costumes.

The next piece of important business transacted was the formal erection of a students' court. The name of the organization was left in abeyance. The method of electing the officers called forth some criticism from the freshmen and two of them were courageous enough to air their views. But it seemed to be the final judgment of the meeting that a judicial and disciplinary body should be largely in the hands of the senior students, not for the purpose of forming a tyranny but because experience of college life is essential in the officers of a student court.

Following the adoption of the court committee's report came the most interesting part of the meeting. L. Y. Cairns opened fire upon the House Committee in a vigorous speech. In his opinion the relations existing between the students and the House Committee were not compatible with student self government and those existing between the student members of the committee and the student body were not compatible with true representation. He ended with a motion to the

effect that certain rules which had been drawn up by a committee of the Students' Council be presented to the House Committee. The motion was seconded by P. C. Hotchkiss, who did not try to pour on any oil. He was insistent that as the student members of the House Committee were in his opinion, running counter to the wishes of the students generally, that their resignation would be in order unless they could amend their views. The members of the House Committee denied the truth of the first two speeches and the President gave his ruling that the motion was out of order, as the committee of the Students' Council had no authority to legislate. The meeting however decided to have the motion put, but an amendment to postpone the discussion for two weeks finally carried. The meeting then adjourned to give place to the Literary Society.

The A. M. S. is becoming more important and more important issues are being brought before it. Again, it is in such a society that students learn the rules of conducting a meeting which they will put into practice in the actual business of governing our country. It is, therefore, becoming of first rate importance that the meetings of the A. M. S. should be carried on in more severe parliamentary form. A man should always stand to address the chair, he should never use names, he should not speak twice unless by special permission. The Society is showing itself a stirring and wide-awake body with men in it who are ready and willing to state their views, Macte Virtute.

PERSONALS

H. G. Nolan, '13, has been making an enforced visit home on account of illness. Ye editor hopes for his speedy recovery.

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We are glad to see G. H. Holmes, '14, back again. Formerly, as a member of '13, he won a first year scholarship, but lost last year on account of being one of the fever victims.

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W. Davidson, Editor-in-Chief, is doing splendidly and his pen will, no doubt, be in evidence for the next issue.

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White-Kidd, Caseadden and Co., measles specialists, have gone out of business and their particular line is not represented in the University at present.

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Court May, Science '14, represented the Varsity Hockey Club at the meeting of the Provincial League held at Calgary recently.

NOTICE! VERY IMPORTANT

Meeting of President of Y. M. C. A. and Vice-President of Y. W. C. A. on A. C. rink from 4 to 6 p.m. to discuss plans for the future.

The Boarder: "Look here! I must not be disturbed at night. Why, last night a rooster sat on the window sill and flapped his wings for hours."

The Farmer: "Gosh, neighbor, that wasn't a rooster. Why, that was just a plain mosquito that got caught in the window screen; that's all.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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Brains are certainly needful, but some people make a few go a long way.—Ex.

YE GLEE

*"Summer is iqumen in,
 Thude sing rucce;
 Groweth sed and bloweth med,
 And springeth the wod enn."*

The Varsity Literary Society met on the 31st of October to elect officers for the Glee Club, the following being elected: President, Mr. A. Carmichael; vice-president, Miss C. Bell; secretary, Mr. W. F. Gillespie.

At a later meeting, the initial business was discussed. Dr. Tory addressed the members, and, in a few well-chosen words stated the object of the Club. He then created a very pleasant surprise when he announced that if the students would assume the burden of other expenses, he would be personally responsible for the salary of a conductor. This kind offer received warm applause from all the students. The conductor chosen by Dr. Tory is Mr. Vernon Barford, A.A.G.O., organist and choirmaster of All Saints.

It was also arranged that the students of Alberta College and Robertson College should be requested to join the Club.

On Wednesday, November 22, Mr. Barford tested fourteen voices and held a short practice in sight reading. From the character of the work done and the enthusiasm of the members, the success of the Glee is practically assured. The aim of the Club is to hold a grand musical concert at the close of the year, and the present indications point to a climax which will rival even the Glee Clubs of the older universities for premier honors.

The Wednesday practices are already popular, and this opportunity is taken of asking all students who sing or would like to

try, to attend these weekly rehearsals which are held in the Assembly Hall at 4 p.m.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Less than a year ago the Dramatic Society of the University of Alberta was organized with a membership of over twenty. The aim of the Society was to promote an interest in the drama by the reading and study of plays and by the occasional production of plays by the members of the Society. During the last semester of the preceding academic year the meetings of the Society were very interesting and instructive, and were characterized by an increasing interest in the drama and work of the Society.

The Society began this year under most favorable circumstances, and the outlook is very promising for a most successful year. The first meeting of the Society was held October 28th in the University dormitory. Dr. Broadus, the President of the Society, to whom its successful launching was largely due, gave an extremely interesting address on two burlesque comedies of the Elizabethan period; Peele's "Old Wives' Tale," and Beaumont and Fletcher's "Knight of the Burning Pestle."

The speaker dealt with Peele's "Old Wives' Tale," showing that it was a satire upon a type of heroic romance, both in narrative and dramatic form in vogue at that time, and that Peele's burlesque was of a man steeped in a newer romance in which he saw its marked superiority over the old.

In the "Knight of the Burning Pestle," he showed that the purpose of the author of this burlesque drama was to apply Cer-

vantes' satire against chivalry out of date to the comic military ardor of the citizens of London, while at the same time ridiculing the favorite romantic drama of that period. The address was illustrated throughout by many humorous references from both plays. Special interest was manifested in the triumph of Ralph over the truculent giant, Barbarossa, a barber whose patients were rescued from medical treatment by the hero.

A very profitable discussion followed, after which refreshments were served.

The next meeting of the Society will be held Saturday evening, December 16th, for which meeting the programme committee have arranged a Celtic evening.

THE SOUL'S FLIGHT

(These lines were found on the second floor, south-east wing, smelling strongly of formalin—Ed.)

Here, helpless on my fevered couch I lie,

My body all a mass of glowing red;

How terrible for one so young to die!

I grind my teeth and beat my aching head.

"Bend, stubborn knees," I frantically wail;

Murmur, my parched lips, a little prayer,

Alas! my heart, my pulse begins to fail,

My whistling lungs fight for a little air.

I soar, I float, my vision seems to clear,

I'm nothing but a wriggle in the blue.

I look down on that earthly planet dear,

When what a strange sight meets my spirit's view,—

A building draped about with dusty black,

The gas-plant also wears its raven dress,

A black stream pours out from the College stack,

The funeral stands all in readiness.

Daddy is there and Sheriff Blaney, too,

Plays with his little quarter on the sly,

The kind Dean's face is all bedimmed with dew

And Dr. Broadus wipes his misty eye.

The driver cracks his whip and cries aloud,

The reeling hearse from out my sight is driven,

I'm almost run down by a passing cloud,

So steer my interrupted course to heaven.

Little Willie was at a chicken-ple supper with his mother. It happened that most of the people in Willie's neighborhood had been served with chicken legs. "Say, Ma, what's that bone on Mrs. Jones' plate?" "That's a chicken leg, my dear." "And what part of the chicken are all those other bones on Mrs. B's and Miss B's and Miss K's and Miss M's plates?" "All legs, Willie," answered his mother. Willie thought a moment and then he turned to his mother. "Say, Ma, that must have been some chicken," he whispered.



THE WAUNEITAS

MISS J. F. MONTGOMERY, 13

LADY EDITOR

This is the month, and this the
happy morn,
Wherein the Son of Heaven's
eternal King,
Of wedded maid and virgin moth-
er born,
Our great redemption from
above did bring;
For so the holy sages once did
sing,

That He our deadly forfeit
should release,
And with His Father work us a
perpetual peace.

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About a mile from a little Scot-
tish village is a low hill covered
with a pine-wood. Through the
middle of this wood runs a broad
path, on each side of which the
tall pines rise up, straight, it
seems, to the sky. In the tops of
the trees the wind murmurs like
the dying echoes of an organ. We
called it "The Cathedral," for we
never entered it without a feeling
of reverence, without a desire to
slip behind the trees, kneel down
and tell our beads. It
was our favorite evening
walk, partly because of its
own beauty, partly because
no better view of the sunset could
be had than from that hill. From
the village it was reached by
crooked lanes and across fields
where peaceful cattle grazed. At
a turn in the lane one came sud-
denly in sight of the entrance to
the woods, and here our merry

chatter ceased, though still two
fields distant. For the rest of the
way we talked, if we talked at all,
in subdued tones, for the wood
had cast its spell upon us, and we
could not but be worshipful.

So it is with Christmas. While
still months away it casts its spell
over us. Memories of past Christ-
mases rise in our minds, echoes of
English Christmas bells sound in
our ears, visions of Christmas
spent on the homestead in East-
ern Canada, or out on the western
prairie, come and go before our
eyes. We hum snatches of Christ-
mas songs and lines from Christ-
mas poems say themselves over
and over as we go about our work.
"Merry Christmas," "Peace and
Good-will," "Good cheer," "Gold,
frankincense and myrrh," till long
before it comes the spirit of
Christmas has taken possession of
us, and Christmas is not one day
in the year, but a season, a season
of seed-sowing, shall we say,
whose fruit grows and ripens
through all the months that fol-
low.

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov.
21st, the Wauneita Society spent
a delightful hour in a portrait gal-
lery with Mrs. Broadus as cicer-
one. It was a palace of art, a
house of fair women. There we
studied all types, from Schnee-
wittchen white as snow and red
as blood, to Helen of Troy,

"A daughter of the gods, divinely tall,
And most divinely fair."

With Mrs. Broadus we traced the development of the method of portrayal of the heroine from the old Marchen, where she was merely outlined, and the reader was left to fill in the details for himself, through the elaborate descriptions of impossible beauties, such as we find in the works of 16th century writers, to the portraits drawn by modern artists, such as George Eliot, Meredith and Thackeray.

Johnny Williams had been bad again.

"Ah, me, Johnny!" sighed his Sunday school teacher. "I am afraid we shall never meet in heaven."

"What have you been doin'?" asked Johnny with a grin.—Harper's.

The University of Alberta is unique in that it provides training in so many obligatory courses, not named in the curriculum.

For instance, the editor of "The Wauneitas" gently informs sundry members of the Society that they may write Christmas stories for the Yule-tide number of *The Gateway*. These students are then provided each with a large bottle of ink, and a hint that all the words they need use are to be found in the twentieth century edition of Webster's Unabridged. If the student be a novice in the art of writing Christmas stories it will be a little difficult for her to decide on a fitting literary art-form for the story—whether to write in mere prose or in some poetic diction, set, perhaps, to the music of sleigh-bells. But as soon as the writer has made the highly

original discovery that the thought or no-thought of the story has everything to say about the dress in which it shall be presented, the manuscripts begin to pour in to the editor's sanctum in such numbers that she scarcely has breathing space in which to compose her own brilliant Christmas editorials.

A CHRISTMAS STORY!!

Only the one real Christmas story has ever been written. Its setting was the silence and calm of star-lit skies broken by harmonies breathing 'peace and goodwill.'

Its characters—all who ever heard even the faintest note of that wondrous song.

Its motive—the love that passeth understanding.

Its plot—the mystery of the life of the divinely human One.

Its ending—not finished.

M. J. S.

A course of lectures will be given in Edmonton this winter under the auspices of the city Y. W. C. A. The first of these lectures was given in First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, Nov. 29th, by Dr. Herbert, whose subject was "Cash, Conscience, and Country."

The second lecture, Dec. 18th, will be given by Dr. Nugent. The subject is "The Philosophy of Civilization."

February 27th Denton C. Crowl will give the famous "Sam P. Jones Stories," and April 12th, L. W. Ford, the well-known American cartoonist, will entertain the audience in his interesting manner.



H. J. DEAN, '13

RUGBY

Up to the time of writing the University has received no word from the Alberta Rugby Association, as to whether the Intermediate and Junior championship cups are forthcoming or not. The Varsity entered teams in both series, and as no other team put in a challenge in the Intermediate division, the championship should come to us by default. In the junior series, however, it is different. Altogether there were four teams in line for the bacon, and the students were to play off with the winners of the Calgary division. As a result they played the Calgary Collegiate a home and home game series and won out on the total score. It now turns out that the Collegiate were not the rightful winners in the South. Whether the University will get the cup or not is at present uncertain.

BASKETBALL

The Varsity basketball team lost the League leadership on Nov. 15, when they met the Wanderers, who up until that evening had been tied with the students for first place. The game on the 15th is said to have been the fast-

est and best exhibition of the great indoor game ever seen in Edmonton. The play was close from start to finish, and the score see-sawed back and forth right up to the last. The half time score was 17-16 in favor of the University, and within one minute from the close it was a tie, 36 all, but the Wanderers received a free throw at this juncture, and won out by the narrow margin of one point.

The last game played by the Varsity five was on November 22 when they were scheduled to play the Keystones. The latter team, however, did not turn up, but they played an exhibition game with a picked team chosen from the other League teams. The students had no difficulty in vanquishing their opponents, and incidentally ran up the biggest score ever made in the Y. M. C. A. Gym. When the final gong was sounded, the University was on the business end of a 52-38 score.

Hotchkiss, the fast centre man for the rahs-rahs, had a regular field day, scoring ten baskets and running wild all evening. He easily leads the League in scoring now, having a record of thirty-one baskets for four games. He, along with Parney, Blayney, Fife,

Brockell and Harlowe should have no difficulty in grabbing the League championship this season.

HOCKEY

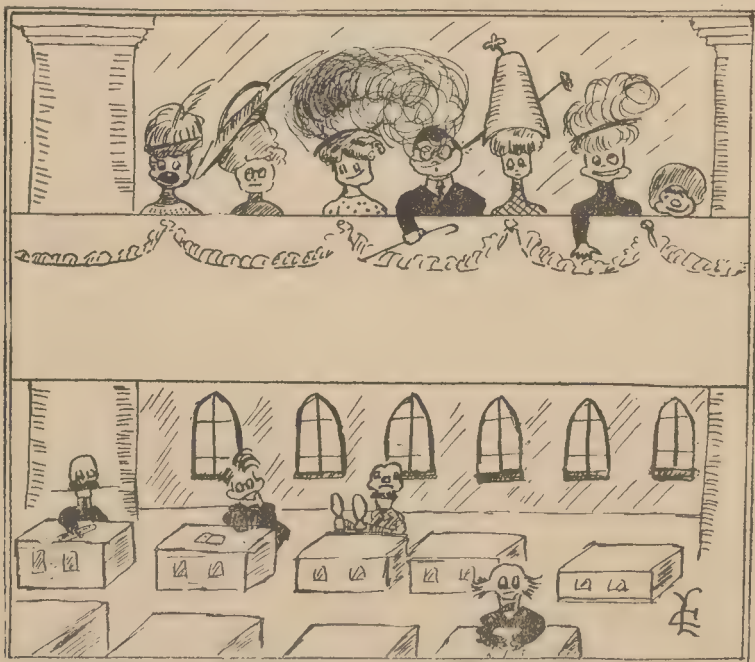
The green and gold has again entered the highway of the A. A. H. A., which leads to the fastest amateur hockey in Alberta. At the annual meeting which was held in Calgary on November 26, the League was reorganized for the coming season. There was nothing of a very sensational character transpired at the meeting, except that the old residence clause was replaced by a new one. The Northern division of the League will include the Deacons, Maritime, Y. M. C. A., and Varsity. The schedule provides for double-header games commencing at 8 and 9.30 p.m., so that the four teams will figure on each

occasion. Thistle Rink, Edmonton, dates are January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; Strathcona Rink, Jan. 4th and 26th. That leaves January 31st for semi-finals. Although the Deacons are taking every precaution to bring out a strong team, they will have no holiday jaunt in landing the honors.

Little Boy (passing his plate for more dressing)—“Gee! I’m glad this turkey had its dinner before it was killed.”

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A great deal of interesting matter has been unavoidably crowded out of this issue. Will contributors whose articles do not appear accept our thanks and at the same time this explanation.—Ed.

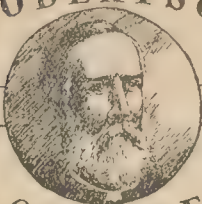


At the opening of the Legislature Ottewell secured a seat in the gallery among the ladies, and enjoyed himself immensely (like Kelly did).



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A. E. HAYES, '14, EDITOR

RE-PRINT FROM SECOND NEWS BULLETIN

The Christening

By means of a ballot distributed to every member of the Board and Senate, the young Presbyterian College of Alberta was christened "Robertson College" on the 10th of October, 1911, thus seeking to perpetuate the name of our great pioneer missionary Superintendent and nation-builder.

This name, along with those of Dr. Herdman and Dr. D. G. McQueen gives the college a Western flavour, and ought to be a promise that the needs of the Church in the West will be a very near concern.

A New Venture

At once it became evident that a special work was awaiting Robertson. Scattered over Alberta and Saskatchewan are many missionaries whose early education has been interfered with. Some of them are married; their remuneration is small, and they are in sore need of any help a college could give them. They wish, in many instances, to qualify themselves for the full status of ministers. What was to be done?

The Faculty decided to institute correspondence-study classes in the English Bible, English Literature, Elementary Philosophy and Theology. The co-operation of the Presbytery in which the

student is labouring is being required in every case, and is being cordially given. It is a difficult task that Robertson has undertaken, but it is hoped that in this way the College may render some real service to these handicapped men. What recognition may be made by the Church of such teaching has not been fully decided.

The Students

Already the capacity of the little staff of two professors is being taxed to its limit, a proof, if any were needed that the new college outpost was erected not a moment too soon.

As yet the College has no colours and no yell; but the students have a football, and they have formed a society called "The Students' Council of Robertson College," whose President is Rev. W. L. Raynes, and Secretary, Victor Leese.

Endowment

There is no endowment, subscriptions so far secured being required for running expenses. The response to the appeal for funds has been generous, and interest is extending. Before the winter is over the "Herdman Chair" guaranteed by Knox Church, Calgary, and the "D. G. McQueen Chair" guaranteed by First Church, Edmonton, may be placed on a more permanent footing.

The Building

Robertson College is a twelve-

roomed house, purchased by the Board of Management and furnished by the "Woman's Guild." Ten students are now in residence and the outside limit is fourteen. If it were not that we have so much to think about now we would be wondering how to accommodate the overflow next fall.

The story of the opening days is an interesting chapter in our history. October 18th was the day announced for lectures to begin. But floors had to be painted, a partition built, cellar partly excavated, etc., etc. Professors and students, (one student is a stone mason, another a lithographer, another a sanitary engineer, another a painter, another a first class marine engineer, another a carpenter), set to work painting, lathing, scrubbing, digging. On the day appointed this volunteer corps put down spade and hammer for a few minutes, and the simple opening exercises were carried out. Lectures began regularly on the 19th. So we fitted up Robertson College, for all had a mind to build.

The Library

The library already exists. This year the sum of \$250.00 is at the disposal of the committee of which Professor J. M. MacEachran, Ph. D., of the University of Alberta, is convener. Valuable donations of books have been received from:

Rev. R. Williams, Stony Plain, Alta.

Dr. H. H. Chown, Winnipeg, Man.

Rev. A. M. Gordon, Lethbridge, Alta.

Herdman Library, Knox Church, Calgary.

Mrs. Samuel Dyde, Kingston, Ont.

Mrs. J. Dodds, Strathcona, Alta.

Mr. J. Forrest, Australia.

Rev. G. R. Lang, Vegreville, Alta.

Rev. Dr. Arthur, Vegreville, Alta.

The Library Committee have recognized the special conditions that face Robertson College, and have proposed to add small departments in:

(1) Comparative Religion.

(2) Farming, Gardening and Forestry.

(3) Sociology.

Some of the needs of the library will be found below.

Travelling Library Branch

This is yet only a dream. As soon as the library is equipped to meet the direct wants of the students, its advantages ought to be extended to ministers and missionaries all over our Western provinces. As in that case a dozen or more copies of one single book will be needed this extension involves a large outlay. May the proposal commend itself to the generosity of home mission workers everywhere.

Needs

The needs of a young college starting out in life are legion, and the following list merely suggests some wants of the immediate future.

A Third Professor

1. An additional Professor is a necessity if the intra-mural work next winter is to be overtaken. Two men, no matter how willing or well equipped, cannot attack a two years' course in Theology, not to mention the English, Greek, Mathematics, Philosophy and Elocution of a preparatory course.

Assistant in Extra-Mural Work

2. Throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan are men for whom even our imperfect correspondence-study course is as a door of

hope. One student writes that it is the best news he has had for four years. This work is such as to require an assistant's whole time.

Scholarships

4. Many of our students find it difficult, some find it impossible, with the pittance that they receive as salaries to put themselves through college. One way of helping them, which is free from objection, is by means of scholarships. Fortunately we have three already:

(a) The Arthur Blow Condell Scholarship, value \$50, donated by Dr. Condell, Edmonton, in The Psychology of Religion.

(b) The Sarah Stewart Scholarship, value \$25.00, donated by Rev. R. G. Stewart, Edmonton, in Homiletics and Preaching.

(c) The A. L. Marks Scholarship, value \$25.00, donated by Mr. A. L. Marks, of Strathcona, in English Bible.

We should have two more. Moreover the extra-mural men deserve some recognition, studying as they do under specially trying circumstances.

Dr. Robertson's Portrait

5. The names and memories of our Western pathfinders must not be overlooked nor must their actual appearance and person be allowed to be forgotten. An oil portrait of Dr. Robertson ought to be the first picture on our walls.

Photographs of Older Church Buildings

6. We would wish, before the destroying tooth of time has made it impossible, to have first class photographs of the older Church buildings now being vacated, along with photographs of the newer edifices, as historical records, and also of other buildings and landmarks where change is a sign of the growth of our pro-

vince. These pictures will be the beginning of an Archives department.

A Word of Thanks

We seize the present moment to thank the Presbyterian women of Edmonton and Strathcona for their splendid liberality in furnishing Robertson College. Their contributions in money and goods amounted to the astonishing total of \$1,100.00.

We asked for a "shower" and we received a flood. This preliminary local effort will, it is hoped, widen into a provincial organization in time to cope with the furnishing and adornment of the permanent College building when it makes its appearance. Already the ladies of the Twin Cities are banding together provisionally, until the rest of the Province has had an opportunity to assist, under the name of the "Robertson College Woman's Guild." Mrs. R. B. Wells is President of this energetic alliance; Mrs. A. F. Ewing, Secretary; Mrs. M. Runnalls, Treasurer; and Mrs. C. R. Mitchell, Edmonton, Corresponding Secretary.

J. A. McDougall, Edmonton, Chairman of Board of Management.

George J. Bryan, Calgary, Vice-Chairman.

A. F. Ewing, Edmonton, Secretary.

Respiration when changed to aspiration, and then by hard labor transmitted into perspiration, has been known to bring results.—Ex.

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"I never know how to act when I meet a baby. I always feel like a fool."

"All you have to do is to act the way you feel!"—Ex.

AN ODE TO CHRISTMAS

Hence, vile hash! For 'this is
Christmas,

Let me nought but turkey see!
Fill me to the neck with pudding,
Wash it down with Tetley's tea.
Christmas with its tender mem-
ories,

Christmas with its simple fun,
Thank you! Just a little dress-
ing!

No, I think I'll try a bun!
Yes, indeed! This festal spirit,
Over all the world is felt.

You'll excuse me, won't you, la-
dies,

If I loosen up my belt!
Nought but joy should fill our
spirits,

Nought but love our feelings
ride,

Nought but smiles should grace
our features,

Nought but turkey our inside.

Once when I was very little,
Just a kidlet, so to speak,
I indulged in so much turkey,
I was sick for near a week.
Yes that part was kind of rotten,
Caused a lot of pain and toil,
Had to stick in bed and swallow
Tons of "tasteless" castor oil.
Now I'm old and kind of seasoned
Got an India rubber "tum"
I could put well nigh a dozen
Good-sized helpings on the
hum.

No, I don't fear indigestion,
Pass me all without reserve,
Christmas is the only season,
When I get what I deserve.

Hence, vile Hash! For this is
Christmas,
Time of all the times most
sweet,

Let us fill our cups with nectar!
Fill ourselves with things to
eat!

Correspondence

To the Editor.

Dear Sir:

There is an indefinable some-
thing in the air about the Univer-
sity. It is not pleasant. It has
fortunately not become clear cut
and definite and right now is the
time to deal with it before it gains
any strength. I refer to the pos-
sible division of the students into
factions, resident and non-resi-
dent. President Lincoln once
quoted, "A house divided against
itself cannot stand." And it is
true that a university divided
against itself cannot stand. The
unity of the student body is at
stake and any influence which vi-
olates that unity is pernicious.
The students will suffer and the
whole University will suffer. The
interests of both are so intimately
interwoven that it is absurd to
draw distinctions. There should
be no words about the rights of

non-residents as opposed to the
rights of residents, but only about
the privileges which they may en-
joy together. Our success on the
gridiron, our success on the ice
and on the track depends on the
unity of the students. And what
is more important, the main ob-
ject of our all being here—the
gaining of a liberal education—
will be greatly furthered by har-
mony and greatly hindered by in-
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DOUGLAS H. TELFER, '14 EDITOR.

With the near approaching close of this year of our Lord, 1911, comes the season of Christmas and the giving of gifts. Much has been written condemning the practice of gift-giving as a kind of competition, in which one tries to outdo the other in the magnificence of his gift. This is unfortunate, if it be true, for a gift not only blesses him who receives but him who gives if given in the right spirit. It matters not how small, how poor the offering be provided it is the best one can give. It is not the commercial value of a gift but its heart value that counts.

There is a beautiful legend told of a lad who was the possessor of a rosy apple. It was his all, his only offering. With a glad heart he gave it, and lo, when it reached the altar it turned into an apple of gold. So our smallest gifts often change into pure gold because they are our best. The best gifts are often what are the most practical, and it is they that are longest remembered by a forgetful world.

Above all, may the Christmas spirit pervade everything. Then, if we have an enemy we shall give him forgiveness; if a friend, give him true friendship; if parents, give them true deference and respect, and in all a practical de-

monstration of our possession of the Christmas spirit.

May this Christmas season be the best in the experience of all the readers of this section.

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We had a dream the other night. We were travelling through a pleasant country enjoying to the full Nature's beauty. The sun shone bright, the songs of birds filled the air, and all was fair to look upon. Then suddenly we were aroused from the dreamy state into which such beauties had lulled us, and lo, the sun was overcast, the birds ceased singing, and what was fair and beautiful was now dark and ugly. What in the distance had first seemed to us as small hills, easy of ascent and passage, now appeared close at hand as huge mountains of rock with no easy foothold and no easy way of crossing. Then an interpreter clad in a black gown came to us and said: "Too long have ye been wandering in ease through these Fields of Knowledge, now ye stand at Examination base. Prepare ye for the ascent." Then we knew the meaning of it all. The first Finals were at hand!

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The visit of Miss Anderson to the College was a rare treat. We felt proud to belong to an institution that is able to produce such

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a soloist as Miss Hazel Anderson. She not only charmed us with her voice, but her naturalness. There was no reaching after effect, no affectation of style, but a genuine love of singing for singing's sake. We hope to have many such visits from old students of Alberta College.

The Doctor's eloquent address on this occasion will long be remembered by all, and we trust there will be many who will achieve, in their chosen vocations, the success of which he spoke.

Were we not carried away into another world?

ATHLETICS

The completion of the new rink and dressing room at A. C. was the signal for the regime of the puck. No time was lost in getting into the game, as everyone seemed impatient to begin, af-

ter a cessation of nearly eight months. In looking over the rink we see that many of last year's players are still in the game. Beside these, there are some other fairly good men and a suitable host of "alsos." However, the outlook for an interesting season is very bright, and with some hard practice there should be a very good class of hockey played this winter.

At the time of writing the programme of the senior team is uncertain. Before the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate League, to be held on December 5, it may be decided to enter a team, but at present it has not been determined. There is no doubt that a team could be entered that would make a good showing, the only element lacking at present being the necessary enthusiasm. The chief interest at present seems to centre in the inter-class league of

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the College. This league consists of four teams, two theological, one varsity, and one matriculation. The games will be keenly contested and it is impossible at this time to pick even a likely winner. Only one game has been played to date, the Matriculation and Theological B, the former winning by a score of 5-0. All the teams are thoroughly organized and ready for action. The officers of the senior team are: Captain, Mr. Roy Jackson; manager, Mr. D. Cameron.

For those who do not qualify for the class league games, two hours each week have been set aside for their use of the ice. This gives every man an opportunity to get into the game. The athletic executive has had some difficulty in working out a scheme which does justice to all classes,

but the one outlined in this article seems to be very satisfactory.

The lighting of the rink and shack has been hindered through not being able to get electrical fittings, but a shipment from Winnipeg has solved the problem, and in a few days there will be an illumination of about 1100 candle-power.

BANQUET OF THE ALBERTA COLLEGE EXECUTIVE

On Friday evening, December 1, the executive of Alberta College gave a banquet to its friends in the College dining hall. Rev. J. E. Hughson, B.A., pastor of McDougall Church, acted as toastmaster.

After the assembled guests had partaken of the delicious viands they proceeded to the toast list,

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which was interspersed with readings and music.

With the first toast New Members of the Staff, proposed by Mr. A.T. Cushing, B.A., were coupled the names of Professor Rev. S. R. Laycock, B.A., Rev. C.D. Jackson, M.A., Rev. G. B. King, M.A., Rev. B. E. Bland, B.A., B.D. Mr. Laycock is a graduate of Toronto University and gold medallist in general proficiency.

Mr. Jackson is a first-class honor graduate of Toronto University in moderns, and has charge of the moderns.

Mr. King in addition to being an honor graduate has spent two years post-graduate work in Semitics with Dr. McCurdy, and also some time in Palestine. He has charge of Hebrew and History.

Mr. Bland comes as a distinguished graduate of McGill, and

has spent some years in Oxford and Harvard. He is Professor of Systematic Theology and History.

Miss Hicks read acceptably "Merlin and the Gleam," before Mr. J. R. Lavell proposed the toast, "The Future of Methodism in Alberta." Dr. H. M. Tory, President of the University of Alberta, answered, pointing out four characteristics of Methodism which would make it a great moral and spiritual force in the future.

After Miss Pilkie sang, Dr. A. A. Nichols introduced the toast, "Alberta College," which was responded to by Mr. W. T. Henry, Esq., of the Blowey-Henry Co., Treasurer of the College executive, and Dr. J. H. Riddell, B.A., D.D. Mr. Henry dealt with the past of Alberta College up to the

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completion of the new building on the University grounds. Dr. Riddell then took up the plans for the future, presenting the importance of the location strategically and appealing for generous support of an institution which is moulding and shall continue to mould the life of the province by the work of the men and women who are trained in its halls. His aim is to secure an endowment of \$200,000 and the canvass is well under way.

Mr. Markle then favored the gathering with a violin solo.

"Our Guests of Honor" was the next toast proposed by C. E. Race, B.A., Registrar of the University of Alberta, and was responded to by W. T. Puffer, M.P.P., and Hon. W. H. Cushing. Mr. J. R. Cowell, Clerk of the Legislature, and Mr. E. Michener, leader of the Opposition in the Legislature, whose names

were also coupled with the toast were unable to be present.

This was the first banquet given in the new College dining hall, and was in every way satisfactory. Judging from the opinions expressed by the guests as they retired, Dr. Riddell will soon realize his determination to raise the necessary endowment.

Doctor.—So you are not feeling well?

A. W.—No, not for the past two weeks.

Doctor.—I think you need a change of air. I should suggest southern —

A. W. (eagerly)—Oh, Calgary, you mean!

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Professor (assigning graduation essays)—Miss R—t—n, you may take this subject: "After graduation, what?"

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his sister! Never have observed
such brotherly affection!

* * *

(Rutherford beating it at 8.30
from the dance).

Marshall—What's the matter,
Rutherford?

R.—There's a girl looking at
me.

* * *

Freshman—Who's the fussy
old lady with the watch in his
hand?

Astounded Senior—Ssh! That's
the Dean.

* * *

Pro. B. to Freshman (handing
him a card)—“Here, write all you
know on this.”

Freshman (tearing the card in
two, and handing one piece back),
—“Oh! there's plenty of room for
both!”

* * *

Broke, broke, broke—

At the end of thy cash oh! boy.
But the splendid fun of spending
your “mon”

Will never come back with its
joy.

* * *

Landlady (reading)—It says
here that washing one's hair in
tea makes it darker.

Boarder (gloomy)—I prefer to
have my tea darkened some other
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"You'd better come," persisted the small boy stoutly, "or it'll be too late. Ma's got hysterics and pa's gone nearly mad, and ——"

"Look here, sonny," said the plumber, "what's up?"

"Well, I think you've connected the wrong pipes, or something," replied the boy. "Anyhow, the chandelier in the parlor is spraying like a fountain and the bathroom tap's on fire,"—Answers.

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Court May, (Rising from the table after his Xmas dinner)—"If

I had as much in my head as I have in my stomach it's a cinch I wouldn't have so many sups to write off."

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The following yarn is told of Mark Twain: He had been to a very fashionable dinner and meeting a lady of his acquaintance next day he was asked, "Oh! Mr. Clemens, do tell me what kind of gowns the women wore." "To tell the honest truth, madam," said Mark, "I can't tell you, I forgot to look under the table."

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Dr. W—lls (at Archaeological Society lecture)—"Ladies and gentlemen, this society can scarcely realize what it owes to Professor Alexander; indeed it owes its very existence to him. Professor Alexander asked me to say too, ——!!!"

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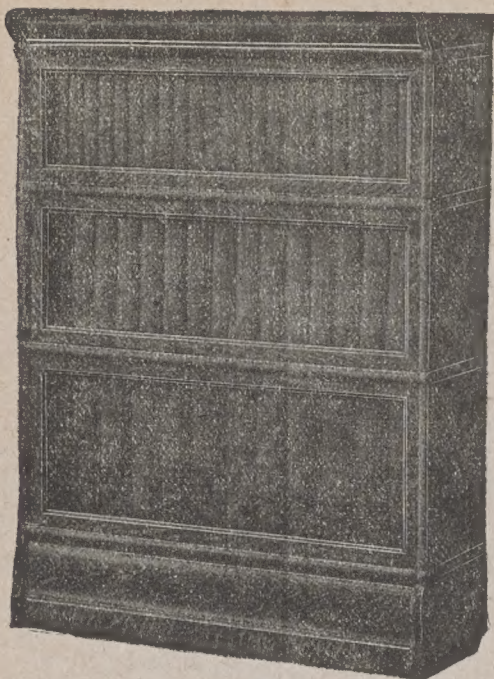
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